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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Berend HOUWEN, et al.

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Examiner: Gailene Gabel  
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Art Unit: 1641  
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Serial No.: 09/388,899  
Filed: September 2, 1999

For: **METHOD FOR CLASSIFYING AND COUNTING LEUKOCYTES**

April 2, 2003

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**INCLUDING AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 2, 2002, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response shortened statutory period for response. A one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before April 2, 2003. 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.7 and 1.8. Enclosed is a check for the relevant fee in the amount of \$110.00.

No additional fee is believed to be due. If it is determined that a fee is due, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Please amend the application as follows:

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